

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 986

By Williams

A RESOLUTION recognizing William Homer Warner.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to honor those exemplary citizens who contribute significantly to Tennessee's diverse and dynamic culture; and

WHEREAS, William Homer Warner is one such outstanding gentleman whose bountiful life has made his family and his community deservedly proud; and

WHEREAS, known to all of his family and friends as simply "W.H." or "Dub," Mr. Warner was born on January 13, 1930, in Bulls Gap, Hawkins County, Tennessee; he was the second child of eleven born to Fred and Joda Lee Pinkston Warner; and

WHEREAS, W.H. Warner attended school in Bulls Gap and, at the age of sixteen, he began working for York Quillen and Son, a business which sold a wide range of goods, including building supplies, electrical appliances, chickens, coal, house wares, candy, and groceries; and

WHEREAS, W.H. accumulated a vast knowledge of the retail business during his many years of laudable employment with York Quillen and Son; this wide-ranging knowledge proved to be very beneficial over the years as he availed himself of various work opportunities in his community; and

WHEREAS, Dub Warner served as a valued member of the Hawkins County Rescue Squad for a number of years and he has been an active member of the Bulls Gap Volunteer Fire Department for several decades; he recently received a plaque commemorating his fifty years of estimable service as a volunteer firefighter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Warner has been a stalwart member of the Bulls Gap Railroad Museum since its inception; Dub's interest in railroads stems from the fact that his father was an employee of Southern Railway; and

WHEREAS, W.H. enjoys growing flowers of all kinds; in the summer his yard is full of blooms of every hue, and his many hanging baskets are aglow with color; and

WHEREAS, W.H. holds a vast number of friendships in Bulls Gap and the surrounding area; a bachelor, he often cooks and entertains members of his close-knit family, of which W.H. is considered the head member; and

WHEREAS, William Homer Warner exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his long and remarkable life, Mr. Warner has demonstrated an extraordinary ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of all who have had the pleasure to know him; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend William Homer Warner for his bountiful life of purpose and commitment and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.